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The following account of the sesquicentennial celebrations of the Clinton Center Baptist Church, written by Rev. G. Fay Crossman, was published in The Wayne Independent of Saturday, August 29, 1981, on page 12.

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190 people registered for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Clinton Center Baptist Church on Sunday, Aug. 23. The morning service was held at 10:30 a.m. The church was filled. People were sitting in chairs and standing at the back of the church. The choir sang, "To God Be The Glory," written by Fanny Crosby, a blind woman who wrote over 7000 poems. Many were put to music. She lived to be 95 years of age. Rev. Joseph Westcott, a Carbondale native, the speaker of the morning, gave an inspiring and challenging message.

An abundant dinner was served by the ladies of the Aldenville Baptist Church.

At the afternoon service, thanks were extended to all who had helped in planning for the anniversary celebration. There was a showing of hands of members, former members, friends from Carbondale, Waymart, Honesdale, etc. One former pastor was present and given an opportunity to greet the people. He was Rev. Philip T. Shear, Mainesburg. Guests were recognized and letters read from former pastors.

Dr. R. Eugene Crow, executive minister of Pennsylvania and Delaware Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker for the afternoon. His message was based on St. Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 12:1, 2.

Out-of-state guests were: Leona Curtis Vaughn, Ferndale, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hungerford, Cleveland Hgts., Ohio; Heidi Crossman, Brighton, Mich.; Darwin, Florence and Mark Geuther, Ithaca, N.Y.; Elva Bates, Endicott, N.Y.; Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Westcott, Parkersburg, W.V.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, Parkersburg, W.V.; Mrs. Martha Struble, Bloomingdale, N.J.; Joan and Allyn Bartholomay, Endwell, N.Y.; Mrs. and Mrs. Leath Penn, Richmond, Va.; Gwynn, Cindy and Brian Bartholomay, Endwell, N.Y.; John Allen, Endicott, N.Y.; Constance Cooley Johnson, Mahwah, N.J.; Kenneth M. Johnson, Mahwah, N.J.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bostwick, New York, N.Y.; Beth C. Hungerford, Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Saintmire, Pomona Park, Fla.

At the close of the afternoon service, another abundant meal was served. Pictures were taken by Donald W. Powell, Carbondale and Chester. His twin brother, S. Robert Powell, Carbondale and New York, N.Y., was helpful in registering people. Two long time friends of the Clinton Center Church, and active in the Baptist work, were present, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sheard. As Mrs. Sheard is handicapped with arthritis,